



SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS



CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
EDWIN M. LEE, MAYOR

April 5, 2012

Ms. Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board
Board of Supervisors
City Hall room 244
1 Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102-4694

Re: File No. 120047 [Planning Code - Including Financial Services Within Definition of Formula Retail]

Small Business Commission Recommendation: **Approval**

Dear Ms. Calvillo:

On March 12, 2012 the Small Business Commission (SBC) voted 5-0 to recommend approval of File No. 120047.

The Commission found that expanding formula retail controls to include financial services is a reasonable expansion of our existing formula retail laws. By requiring a Conditional Use Authorization in areas where formula retail controls are in place, the Planning Commission can use their discretion to determine the appropriateness of each individual project proposal. The Conditional Use Authorization process will also provide neighborhoods and merchant corridors with an opportunity to comment and participate in the planning process.

Small Businesses are often subject to the cost and time that the Conditional Use Authorization process entails and commissioners stated during the hearing that in addition to the findings above, it is equitable to impose this process on these types of uses, as these businesses have the personnel and resources to navigate the process.

Sincerely,

Regina Dick-Endrizzi
Director, Office of Small Business

cc. Jason Elliott, Mayors Office
Supervisors Eric Mar
Aaron Starr, Planning Department